

We welcome all visitors to Mary Mother of God Catholic Church this weekend. We hope you enjoy your stay in this area and may God be with you on your trip home.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Maureen Cline, wife of Calvin Cline, who died on March 16. Maureen’s Memorial Mass will be this Wednesday, March 29 at 9 AM.

2017 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	March 25 Rosary: Led by Knights of Columbus MASS: +Gary Webb
Sunday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent Rosary: Led by Catholic Christian Women MASS: +Bob Bodson
Monday,	March 27 – NO MASS
Tuesday, 5:15 PM 5:30 PM	March 28 Evening Prayer MASS: SI – Lisa & Floyd Crawford
Wednesday, 9:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	March 29 Memorial Mass: +Maureen Cline Stations of the Cross MASS: SI – Dwayne Felks
Thursday, 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 6:30 PM	March 30 Morning Prayer MASS: +Jean Cannady Penance Service w/Several Priests
Friday, 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM	March 31 Morning Prayer MASS: +Lavonne Heitkamp Holy Hour w/Stations of the Cross
First Saturday, 8:10 AM 8:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	April 1 Rosary MASS: +Josephine Falterman Rosary: Led by Knights of Columbus MASS: +Cecil Hoffman
Sunday, 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 2:00 PM	April 2 – Fifth Sunday of Lent Rosary: Led by Catholic Christian Women MASS: SI – All Parishioners MASS w/Bishop Taylor: SI – All Confirmandi

PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE one-half hour before all Daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses or by appointment.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS**

Council 8410 is asking each family of the parish to consider contributing to our local food pantries during this Lenten season. One can of food or one dollar for each day of Lent. Food donations may be brought to the designated area in the church vestibule before Holy Thursday. Checks for \$40 may be written to “Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive” and given to any Knight or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Your assistance to the less fortunate is deeply appreciated. May God Bless You!

"The Best Lent Ever" - Go to BestLentEver.com and sign up for a daily email that contains videos, stories, reflections that will truly make this your best Lent ever. This is a service of Dynamic Catholic and it's FREE.

TODAY we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Handbell Choir will meet this Monday at 6 PM.
Youth Choir will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 PM.
Adult Sunday Choir will meet this Friday at 6:30 PM.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) –

This Wednesday’s schedule:

- 5:15 PM Evening Prayer
- 5:30 PM MASS – Led by Confirmandi
- 6:00 PM Dinner for PREP Families
- 6:30-7:30 PM Class & Confirmation Practice



NO Legion of Mary Mtg. this Thursday due to Penance Service.

PENANCE SERVICE will be **this Thursday, March 30** at 6:30 PM. Several priests will be available to hear your confession.

ABOUT SIN – *Sin is a failure in genuine love of God and neighbor... It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), no. 1849)*

Sins are rightly evaluated according to their gravity. The distinction between mortal and venial sin, already evident in Scripture,¹²⁹ became part of the tradition of the Church... Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man. (CCC, nos. 1854-1855)

For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met: “Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent.”¹³¹ Grave matter is specified by the Ten Commandments. (CCC, nos. 1857-1858)

One commits venial sin when, in a less serious matter, he does not observe the standard prescribed by the moral law, or when he disobeys the moral law in a grave matter, but without full knowledge or without complete consent. (CCC, no. 1862)

NO 6 PM PRO-LIFE ADORATION HOLY HOUR THIS FRIDAY.

FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age. The Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.

LENTEN SERVICES – Throughout Lent the Stations of the Cross are said on Wednesdays at 5 PM and Fridays at 9 AM. Rosary is prayed before Saturday and Sunday Mass. Please choose one or more of these Lenten practices for your sacrifice of prayer.

PLEASE PRAY for RJ Atkinson, Jared Chua, Lauren Dearing, Amanda Porras, Kaitlyn Pratt, Bernice Rubio, Levi Schneider, and Spencer Smith, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Anthony Taylor next Sunday, April 2.

EASTER MEMORIALS OR HONORARIUMS – Memorials (for a deceased loved one) or Honorariums (for a living loved one) are available for a \$10 donation. Easter flowers will remain throughout the Easter Season on the Altar. No names will be placed on the individual flowers, but an acknowledgment will be placed in the church bulletin. An acknowledgment card will also be sent to the person you wish to honor or remember. If you wish to make a memorial or honorarium, please use the Easter envelopes available in the vestibule. Fill in the appropriate addresses on the envelope. Return the envelope via the church office or in the collection basket by Palm Sunday, April 9.



EASTER EGG HUNT & RAFFLE - Easter is just around the corner, and we are excited to announce that we will be holding our 4th Annual MMG Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday following Mass! PLEASE mark your calendars and plan to attend. ***** **We are in need of pre-filled Easter Eggs with individually wrapped candy.** ***** We had great support in the past, so if you are once again able to donate some eggs we would really appreciate it! Please turn in your donations to the large tub marked “Easter Eggs” in the church vestibule. More information on this fun-filled family church event will follow!

Mary Mother of God College Scholarship Applications

for high school seniors are due in the church office no later than **April 15**. If you need an application, contact the church office or Audrey Charbonneau.



The Knights of Columbus will also award a college scholarship this spring for the 2017-2018 academic year. Please submit your application to the church office no later than **April 15**. Any questions, contact Nick Simon at 688-7700.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – All men and women in the military · Victims of Natural Disasters & Terrorism · Charlotte Amrhein · Carla Tuttle Bailey · Barb · Wilma Bates · Paula Bellinghausen · Jim Brain · Andy Brown · Rachel Callahan-West · Gladys Cheri · Chua Family · Tom/Mary Clark · Loretta Clements · Ken Clouse · Donald Coffman · Jim Conner · Lisa/Floyd Crawford · Mike Dalton · Salvadore D’Amico · Catherine Dandurand · Decker Family · Mel Dezort · Len/Angela Ernhart · Newt Foster · Barb Fraizer · Marie Gaston · Linda Glover · Mary Goralski · Leo Gotsky · Edmund Griggs · Gary Grisham · Dianne Hoberock · Susan Houston · Janice Humbarger · Larry Hunter · Walt/Connie Israel · Chris Jasper · Virray Karlovic · Marge Kelly · Mary Koenig · Sylvia LaFrancis · Anna Marie Leimberg · Bernadette Lemon · Justin Marshall · Ann May · Jody Mellien · Nikki Patten · Mel/Eliska Pollock · Bryce Pratt · Nancy Ralston · Maezeatta Ramsey · Melvin Raney · Reding Family · Debbie Hoberock Rhodes · Helen Roberts · Ron Rotkowski · Norm Rowe · Vita Saville · Faye Schneider · Ed Servis · Billie Signer · Paul Skurka · Sutton Family · Loretta Tarochione · Jill Thompson · Tuazon Family · Jean Williams. **Names will be omitted at the end of this quarter.** Please contact the office to add/delete any names.

John Michael Talbot Parish Mission – March 27-28 – 6:30 PM - Our Lady of the Holy Souls, Little Rock – Two special evenings of healing and hope through spoken word and sacred song. In lieu of ticket sales, a love offering is requested to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and the Brothers & Sisters of Charity.

Laminated copies of the Novena for (3) Impossible Requests, which begins March 25th, can be found on the Legion of Mary stand in the Church vestibule. It is a wonderful 9-month novena. This novena is said to honor the nine months Our Lady carried Our Blessed Lord in her womb which was one of the most impossible of miracles in Christianity. Parishioner testimony: "I started praying the Novena for Impossible Requests in 2014. I fervently pray for each member of my family, including myself, to understand the fullness of truth in the gospels. In February 2015, my brother-in-law of 43 years became a Catholic and was devoted to receiving Holy Communion until his recent death. At his Rosary, the Msgr. that had given Ray his first Sacraments told us that he knew Ray was sincere was when Ray told him "I finally get Jesus! I understand Him." Hearing this at such a sad time in our lives revealed to me that Ray indeed "got" Jesus and was with him in heaven. This also told me my fervent novena had been answered."

FLOCKNOTE - Parish communications, such as prayer requests, updates, mass cancellations...you name it...now arrives as a Flocknote message. Individuals and/or families are subscribed so they will either receive messages as emails or texts per their preference. If you currently do not receive prayer request emails and would like to, now is the time to sign up! Registration is short and sweet. There are two easy ways to connect (pick one): Visit our parish at: www.flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch or text flockmmg to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. For more info or help, contact Julie Maguire at 688-3173.

WHY DO WE COVER THE CROSSES AND THE STATUES?

The crosses (crucifixes) are covered from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until Good Friday. Other images are covered from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil.

The purpose of covering the crosses is to emphasize it being revealed on Good Friday. The purpose of covering other images is to take the focus off the images and focus the attention of the people on the central mysteries of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of “fasting” from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in a reverencing of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win eternal life for us.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - ADORERS NEEDED!

He welcomes all visitors! Jesus will spend all eternity thanking you and loving you in heaven for your faithful commitment on earth of spending one hour each week with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Call Legion of Mary or church office if you can help.

Sunday @ 11 AM, Noon, 2 PM & 4 PM

Monday @ 8 AM, 9 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM & 7 PM

Tuesday @ 8 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM & 4 PM

Wednesday @ 8 AM

Thursday @ Noon, 4 PM, 6 PM & 7 PM

Friday @ 7 AM

Saturday @ 7 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM & 6 PM



VIGIL CANDLES - If you wish to light a 6-day vigil candle, a suggested \$3 donation is requested.

Second Collection next weekend is for Building Maintenance.



DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

DO YOU LOVE TO MAKE MUSIC FOR THE LORD?

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?

Adult Choir—The Adult Choir meets every Thursday at 6:30pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation.

Youth Choir—The Youth Choir consists of students grades K-12. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm immediately following PREP class. They sing at the scheduled Youth Masses throughout the academic year. They also use hand chimes and other instruments.

Hand Bell Choir—The Hand Bell Choir meets on Monday evenings at 6PM and plays at approximately 7 Masses throughout the year.

What does Music Ministry mean to me?

"St. Augustine says, '...singing belongs to one who loves.' We started choir together to fulfill our call to a ministry within our amazing parish. Not only has music deepened our faith, in general, but also our friendship with each other and fellowship with other members in the choir and church. Choir has become a beautiful extension of family for us."—Carrie Culhane & Lydia Gratton (Adult Choir members)

"I am very blessed to be able to be a part of MMG Youth Choir. I am thankful that I have a great director. I would recommend joining choir because it helps you to further praise God in your daily life."—RJ Atkinson (Youth Choir member)

"I am a full-time grad student who spends a significant amount of time staring at a computer completing homework assignments, reading textbooks, studying, & in clinical rotation. Playing the bells forces me to take a pause in my hectic & often overwhelming academic life, to actively engage in real life, and to decompress mental stress. They are simply beautiful to listen to, and I love that I am part of something that brings so much joy to our Mass. It can be quite challenging, but it is also fun. We 'Ding-Dongers' laugh a lot at rehearsal which is something my soul needs. I am sharing my God-given gift of music literacy with others. It has brought new friendships into my life, and allows me to share music with my teenage daughter who plays on occasion, as well."—Heather Dearing (Hand Bell Choir member)

**If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact
Julie Jasper, Director of Music Ministry at 743-2961 or julesjasper@windstream.net**

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>As the season of Lent continues, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regard to fast, abstinence and other forms of penance.</p> <p><u>Good Friday</u> is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. The <u>Fridays of Lent</u> are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The law of fasting obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age. All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by Law.</p>						<p style="text-align: center;">April 1, 2017 <i>First Saturday</i></p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April 2 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 2 PM Confirmation w/Bishop Anthony Taylor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 3</p> <p>NO MASS ++ 6 PM Handbell Choir ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 4</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 5</p> <p>5 PM Stations 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 6</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 7 <i>First Friday</i></p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Stations ++ 6 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour in Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ABSTINENCE = NO MEAT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 8</p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April 9 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 1 PM CCW Mtg All Ladies Are Invited! ++ BINGO - 2 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 10</p> <p>NO MASS ++ 6 PM Handbell Choir ++ Day of Recollection 5:30 PM Chrism Mass in Little Rock</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 11</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:15 PM Adult Choir w/Handbells Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 12</p> <p>5 PM Stations 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP 7:30-8:15 Youth Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 13 <i>Holy Thursday</i></p> <p>NO 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Rosary Coffee/Donuts Follow ++ 5 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass ++ Collection to Support Our Seminarians ++ NO Legion of Mary NO Adult Choir ++ Adoration Until 10 PM Close w/Benediction</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 14 <i>Good Friday</i></p> <p>NO 8:30 AM Mass 3 PM Confessions & Stations of the Cross ++ 5:30 PM Service ++ Collection for The Holy Land ++ NO Pro-Life Holy Hour NO ADORATION TODAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FAST & ABSTINENCE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 15 <i>Holy Saturday</i></p> <p>NO 8:30 AM Mass NO 4:30 Confessions NO 5 PM Mass ++ 8 PM Easter Vigil Mass ++ NO ADORATION TODAY</p>
						
<p style="text-align: center;">April 16 <i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p style="margin: 0;"><i>Alleluia!</i> He Is Risen!</p> </div> <p>8:30 AM Mass</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Basket Raffle Following Mass</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">April 17</p> <p>NO MASS ++ 6 PM Handbell Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 18</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 19</p> <p>5:15 Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 20</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 21</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Holy Hour ++ 5-9 PM CYM K-Life Outing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 22</p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April 23 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Youth Mass ++ BINGO - 2 PM ++ Ark Naturals' June 11th Game Tix Available</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 24</p> <p>NO MASS ++ 6 PM Handbell Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 25</p> <p>5:15 PM Prayer 5:30 PM Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 26</p> <p>5:15 Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM PREP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 27</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass ++ Legion of Mary Mtg. 6 PM Behind Altar ++ 6:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 28</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Holy Hour</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 29</p> <p>8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April 30 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ High School Graduate Breakfast After Mass ++ Ark Naturals' June 11th Game Tix Available</p>	<p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE - 40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS <i>Council 8410 is asking each family of the parish to consider making a contribution to our local food pantries during the Lenten season. ONE can of food or ONE dollar for each day of Lent. Food donations may be brought to the designated area in the church vestibule before Holy Thursday. Checks for \$40 may be written to "Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive" and given to any Knight or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Your assistance to the less fortunate is deeply appreciated. May God Bless You!</i></p>			<p>DIVINE MERCY NOVENA Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday April 14 - April 23</p>  <p>CCW APRIL HYGIENE DRIVE All donations go to Children's Charity Ministry. Needed items include toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, bar soap, and deodorant. Thank you!</p>		

2017 APRIL MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper
 Lector: Greg Jasper

E/M: Roy Arnold
 Elisabeth Scouten

Servers: Bernice Rubio
 Spencer Smith
 Colin Klott

Ushers: Chad Coffman
 Bill May
 Everett Burr
 Chuck Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Janet Doud
 Lector: Laura Cheri
 Andrew Gratton

E/M: Mike Galligan
 Judy Keith
 Justin Dearing

Servers: Vittoria Gratton
 Brody Burge
 Mariah Lizarda

Ushers: Al Hanson
 Regina Hanson
 Gerry Gokenbach
 Dan Roberts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Apr 1	Debbie Berry	Apr 11	Betty Meuleman	Apr 22	Payton Goulet
Apr 2	Teri Tabor	Apr 11	Kathy Pinson	Apr 23	Crystal Applegate
Apr 3	Shela Aldape	Apr 11	Norm Rowe	Apr 23	Laurel Eddings
Apr 4	Mary Billups	Apr 11	Mark Williams	Apr 23	Connie Gerg
Apr 4	Shirley Lueck	Apr 11	Betty Young	Apr 23	Meredith Huddleston
Apr 4	Avery Pratt	Apr 12	Patricia Castellano	Apr 23	Bobby Lowery Jr.
Apr 5	Briar Bellinghausen	Apr 13	Craig Bailey	Apr 25	Janet Doud
Apr 6	Darlene Coffman	Apr 13	Isaac Surber	Apr 25	Chris Rose
Apr 6	Glen Feldman	Apr 14	Blaise Bonds	Apr 26	Carl Bell
Apr 5	Regina Hanson	Apr 14	Mary Lowrance-Clark	Apr 27	Terry Bodson
Apr 8	Cindy Epperson	Apr 16	Zachary Caputo	Apr 27	Bonnie Tauer
Apr 8	Nick Paradiso	Apr 16	David Durand	Apr 28	Rai Lamb
Apr 8	Bill Van Leeuwen	Apr 17	Wyatt Mahoney	Apr 29	Traci DiCarlo
Apr 9	Mel Pollock	Apr 19	Martha Sandoval	Apr 30	Mary Bray
Apr 9	Jimmie Wells	Apr 20	Rose Wood	Apr 30	Tim Huddleston
Apr 10	Cambree Hodges	Apr 22	Stephen Allen	Apr 30	Venice Rubio

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Apr 3	Brad & Barbara Frasier	Apr 16	John & Debbie Berry
Apr 8	Kathy & Ubaldo Cuevas	Apr 21	Kevin & Jennifer Alexander
Apr 10	Richard & Laurie Criger	Apr 28	Travis & Renae Whiteside
Apr 11	Ken & Pam Clouse	Apr 30	Kenneth & Izene Arnold
Apr 13	Rickey & Brenda Amerson	Apr 30	David & Cynthia Durand